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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They cannot be dispensed with where discussion is necessary." (Laughter.)

Introduction of a shortened medical course.

* 13 Q.—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to introduce a shortened medical course in the Madras State;

(b) if so, the period of training and how the trainees will be designated;

(c) the minimum qualification prescribed for selection and the emoluments or scales of pay fixed for them after the training; and

(d) whether the Indian Medical Association has been consulted in this matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) to (d) In the meanwhile the Central Ministry of Health have suggested a scheme for training of workers for medical and health work in rural areas. Decision in regard to some short course will be taken in due course."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal to appoint junior medical officers called hospital assistants in State Service? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. The proposal is to create a new type of auxiliary personnel for medical and health work in rural areas."

Retention of non-clinical professors in service after superannuation.

* 14 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether non-clinical Professors in Madras Medical Service have been ordered by the Government to be retained in service till the age of 60 years; and

(b) whether the rule is applicable to cases where qualified assistants and probationers are available to replace the professors on their attaining the age of superannuation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Government have decided that the existing incumbents of the posts of non-clinical Professors should be re-employed up to the age of 60 years from the date of their superannuation, but that such re-employment should be made for a period of one year at a time subject to the physical fitness of the Professors concerned.